

LITTLE TRUTHS

Mockery is the time of little hearts.—Tennyson.

Pretty speeches make very sickly conversation.—G. B. Shaw.

First catch your reputation and then see if you can keep up with it.—Miser.

Human beliefs, like all other natural growths, elude the barriers of systems.—George Eliot.

Orthodoxy is the Bourbon of the world of thought. It learns not; neither can it forget.—Huxley.

The valued watch-dog is he who barks at the passing step, and not he who bays at the distant moon.—Glanville.

When a woman is actively disagreeable it is generally safe to infer that something has gone wrong with her lover; and when a man is actively disagreeable it is generally safe to conclude that something has gone wrong with his liver.—E. T. Fowler.

TIT BITS.

He (a hard enthusiast, who is relating a long story of a match he has recently played): "Yes, my opponent could do nothing. I left him absolutely 'nothing on'!"

She (who was bored): "Dear ign, how could he must have felt!"

Brown (who has returned home somewhat fresh): "Does Minister Brown live here?"

Servant: "But you are Mr. Brown."

Brown: "I know—b-but do I live here?"

Minister (showing local big wig over the new church): "Yes, it's a very fine building, but the acoustics are very bad."

She: "I wish you were more like Ashwell."

He: "My dear, if I were more like Mr. Ashwell, I should have married a woman more like Mrs. Ashwell."

Alderman Moggin (sniffing): "Real ly? I didn't smell anything!"

Fair Patient: "I suffer greatly from insomnia, doctor."

Doctor: "You should cut something just before retiring."

Fair Patient: "But you once told me never to eat anything before going to bed!"

Doctor: "Oh, that was a year ago. Science has made rapid strides since then!"

The Sympathetic Friend: "It must be very hard to lose money at the races."

Smith (a plunger): "Hard! Hang it, old chap, it's the easiest thing in the world!"

Chairman: "I propose gentlemen, that a new chandelier be obtained for the smoking room in place of the present apology for one."

Member (hurriedly rising): "And I should like to ask gentlemen, before it is seconded, who's going to play it when we get it?"

She: "What did you enjoy most in the play, Jack?"

He: "The finish!"

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3. More effective provisions to punish bribery and fraud at elections, to ensure thorough publicity as to expenditures by political organizations; to prevent the accumulation of campaign funds for corrupt purposes and to prohibit contributions thereto by corporations, contractors and promoters, to expedite hearing of election petitions and to prevent collusive arrangements for the withdrawal or compromise thereof, to provide for a thorough investigation to corrupt practices and if necessary to appoint an independent prosecuting officer to enforce the laws so amended.
4. A thorough and complete reformation of the laws relating to the Civil Service so that future appointments shall be made by an independent commission acting upon the report of examiners after competitive examination.
5. Such reform in the selecting of members of the Senate as will make that chamber a more useful and representative body.
6. A more careful selection of the sources from which immigration shall be sought, a more rigid inspection of immigrants and the abolition of the bounty system except under very special circumstances and for the purpose of obtaining particularly desirable classes of immigrants.
7. The management and development of the public domain (in which are to be included great national franchises) for the public benefit and under such conditions that a respectable proportion of the increment of value arising therefrom shall inure to the people.
8. The operation and management of our government railways by an independent commission, free from partisan control or interference.
9. Development and improvement of our national waterways the equipment of national ports, the improvement of transportation facilities and subsequent reduction of freight rates between the place of production and market, whether at home or abroad and the establishment of a thorough system of coal storage.
10. The re-organization of the present railway commission as a public utilities commission with wider power and more extended jurisdiction, so as to establish thorough and effective control over all corporations owning or operating public utilities or invested with franchises of a national character.
11. The establishment after due investigation of a system of national telegraphs and telephones under conditions which shall be just to capital already invested in those enterprises.
12. The improvement of existing postal facilities, especially in newly developed portions of the country, and inauguration, after proper inquiry as to cost, of a system of free rural mail delivery.
13. A fiscal policy which will promote the production within Canada of all useful articles that can be advantageously manufactured from or by means of natural resources, having due regard to the interests of the consumer as well as to the just claims of our wage-earning population.
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